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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS DAY IN VIENTIANE, 1975

SUMMARY. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUN SIPRASEUTH LED OFF THE PGNU CELEBRATION OF UN DAY WITH A SPEECH INCLUDING THE CUSTOMARY ATTACKS ON COLONIALISTS AND NEO-COLONIALISTS, ASSAILED THE U.S. VETO OF ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIET-NAMS TO THE UN, BUT REMAINED AS USUAL FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS IN PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WHO WAS INVITED TO THE CEREMONIES ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE DRV AMBASSADOR, DEAN OF THE CORPS, SKIPPED THE SPEECHES BUT ATTENDED A FOOTBALL GAME WHICH WAS PART OF THE DAY'S OBSERVANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCTOBER 24, 1975 UNITED NATIONS DAY CEREMONIES IN VIENTIANE INCLUDED SPEECHES BY DELEGATE TO VICE PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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PHOUN SIPRASEUTH, AND RESIDENT UNDP REPRESENTATIVE

ROLAND REIFENRATH, IN PRESENCE OF CABINET, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES, FOOTBALL MATCH AND FILM SHOW FOR PUBLIC. THE DRV AMBASSADOR, DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SKIPPED THE SPEECH MAKING CEREMONY BUT ATTENDED THE FOOTBALL GAME.

2. PHOUN SIPRASEUTH COMMEMORATED THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF UN AND MADE A NUMBER OF RITUAL BOILER PLATE ANTI-AMERICAN REMARKS INCLUDING:

A. UN HAD OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN PROGRESS, "ESPECIALLY AFTER PEOPLES OF ENTIRE WORLD HAVE BECOME AWARE OF HATEFUL BARBARITY OF THE WARS OF THE COLONIALISTS AND THE NEO-COLONIALISTS AND HAD RISEN VALIANTLY BY ALL MEANS TO WIN INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS..."

B. "OVERWHELMING WILL OF PEOPLES OF WORLD" FOR ADMISSION OF TWO VIET-NAMS " HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE AMERICAN VETO."

C. REFERENCES TO "VARIOUS FORMS OF STRUGGLE OF PROGRESSIVE STATES AGAINST SUCH INJUSTICES AS COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE AND AGGRESSION."

D. "IN ASIA, AFTER THE LAO, VIETNAMESE AND KHMER PEOPLE HAD ENDED THE AMERICAN INTERFERENCE AND WAR OF IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE NEW CONJUNCTURE IN LAOS, A VERY REPRESENTATIVE LAO DELEGATION TWICE MOUNTED THE TRIBUNE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND CLEARLY PRESENTED TO THE WORLD ITS JUST POLICY, WHICH HAD MET WITH THE ENTIRE APPROVAL OF COUNTRIES DEVOTED TO PEACE, INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE."

E. CURRENT WORLD SITUATION SATISFACTORY BUT "THE DANGER FROM COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND BELLIGERENCE OF THE IMPERIALISTS STILL THREATENS THE PEOPLE (OF THE WORLD.

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F. LAOS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO WORLD PEACE BECAUSE, "AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION THE LAO PEOPLE HAD UNITED TO DEFEAT COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM AND WIPE OUT FOREVER ALL FORMS OF THEIR VESTIGES ON LAO SOIL..."

3. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE TENOR OF HIS REMARKS

PHOUN STOPPED ON HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM TO GREET ME IN
A VERY FRIENDLY MANNER AND ALL THE OTHER LAO PRSENT WERE
THEIR USUAL SMILING SELVES. COMBINATION OF VENOMOUS
PROPAGANDA OUTPUT AND BLAND GOOD NATURE IN WHATEVER
PRSONAL CONTACTS WE HAVE IS LIKELY TO REMAIN THE
PGNU MODUS OPERANDI FOR SOME TIME.
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